E-Governance Project

1553. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to introduce an ambitious e-governance project across the country for all business/citizen Government interfaces;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated cost of the project;

(c) whether the new project would ensure minimal documentation, non-discretionary and unambiguous decision making, time monitoring and accountability; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be put in place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) to (d) Under the Prime Minister's 15 important initiatives announced on Independence Day 2002, Government intends to implement a comprehensive programme to accelerate E-Governance at all level of the Government to improve efficiency, transparency and accountability at the Government-Citizen interface.

In the above context, the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances in consultation with the Department of Information Technology has formulated a draft proposal for implementing country-wide programme on E-Governance. The proposal is being examined by the concerned agencies.

While approving the Tenth Five Year Plan, the National Development Council (NDC) has set up four Empowered Sub-Committees including an Empowered Sub-Committee on Governance Reforms including E-Governance. The Terms of Reference and the Composition of this mmittee are being finalised.